

🌿 **Holiday Safety Tips** 🌿

Shopping Safety

- **Leave the oversized purse at home and put the cards and cash you need in a wallet close to your body, preferably under a Jacket or sweater.**
- **Stand between the next person in line and the debit card machine when entering your pin number. Do not worry about being rude, it is impolite to stand in view of a person's personal banking information.**
- **The bait and switch trick is popular during the holidays where someone will switch a worthless bag for yours when you are not looking. Do not look away. Keep an eye or a hand on your bag at all times.**



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- Do not try to carry a ridiculous number of bags around. After collecting three or so bags, take them to your car, which of course, should be locked securely. This way you can shop in comfort and have less of a chance of losing your purchases to criminals.
- Protect yourself, do not walk in abandoned parking lots or halls alone. If you feel uncomfortable for any reason, find mall security and ask for an escort. If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, make loud noises and act as if you are insane if you have to. Do whatever you must to draw attention to yourself.



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- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible
- Always park in well lit areas whenever possible
- Carry your wallet in your front pocket
- Carry your purse on your shoulder instead of sitting it in a shopping cart
- Have your keys in your hand before you go to your car

